

**CITY OF BETHLEHEM**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**SUBJECT:** Request for Approval by City Council of Contract Award or Contract Price Increase Pursuant to City Ordinance, Article 121.05 (a)

Project or Contract Reference: Friendship Park Survey

**TO:** City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

**FROM:** Michael Alkhal, P.E., Director of Public Works/City Engineer

**DATE:** 2/28/2023

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On behalf of the Administration, pursuant to City Ordinances, Article 121.05, I request City Council's approval of the following recommendation of the referenced contract award or price increase.

- Check Type of Contract or Change:

The contract is for over \$50,000 and required to be bid under the Third-Class City Code. We have advertised the above referenced project and received qualified bids. We recommend award of the contract to the bidder identified and for the reasons stated below.

The recommendation is for a price increase of 10% or more for an existing contract over \$50,000 that was previously bid and awarded under the Third-Class City Code.

The contract is for the engagement of professional services. We have received a proposal for professional services in connection with above referenced project. We recommend award of the contract to:

- Is the contract appropriation or price increase included in this year's budget? yes no
- Identify contract funding sources (general fund, grants, loans, etc....):

009A-90920 Community Development Block Grant

- The name and address of the recommended Professional Service Provider are:

Barry Isett & Associates  
5420 Crackersport Road,  
Allentown, PA 18104

- Term of contract or estimated completion date, subject to standard extensions:  
Approximately three weeks of work upon authorization to begin. Completion is to be no later than 4/30/2023.

- Description of project or scope of services to be provided:

Conduct a boundary and topographic survey of Friendship Park in the City of Bethlehem. Deliver a CAD drawing of Friendship Park in anticipation of future design activities to occur this year.

- State the actual or estimated price to the City or the proposed Department budget allowance for the initial term; and state payment rate per unit of service if applicable:

\$5,276.00

- Number of renewal term options and duration of each renewal, if any:

N/A

- Maximum dollar value of all renewals provided for beyond the original term as if all renewals were exercised: \$0.00

- Reasons for recommendation of Administration and Council approval of contract:

A boundary and topographic survey of existing conditions of Friendship Park is needed in advance of design activities to implement the Friendship Park Master Plan. A RFP for this work was sent to five professional surveying firms and three proposals were received in response. Barry Issett & Associates submitted the lowest complete proposal. Barry Issett & Associates has extensive experience in surveying, is a qualified Engineering and Surveying Firm in the Lehigh Valley, and is familiar and has performed prior similar work for and in the City of Bethlehem.

Please approve this recommendation by passing the accompanying resolution. A vote of final approval is requested at the first City Council agenda listing of this matter.

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By:   
Department Head

Copies To: Mayor  
Director of Administration  
Director of Budget and Finance  
Law Bureau  
Purchasing Bureau  
Controller  
Project Manager  
Attachment: proposed resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization for Contract or Amendment under Article 121.05(a)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the Mayor and the Controller and/or such other City officials as deemed appropriate by the City Solicitor, are hereby authorized to execute a Contract or Amendment and such other agreements and documents as are deemed by the City Solicitor to be necessary and/or related thereto, with the following named contractor, for the uses and purposes indicated in the supporting Recommendation of Award of Bid or Contract dated

1. Name of Contractor: Barry Isett & Associates
2. Project or Contract Reference: Friendship Park Survey

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_

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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk